section of Upper Ridge and Shanker Road thereby endangering the fragile ecosystem in the Ridge, which is the only green lung of Delhi; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi no specific complaint has been received in this regard. However, degradation of Delhi Ridge forest area has taken place in the past due to encroachments, diversion for non-forest purposes and felling of trees. Recently, certain steps have been taken to protect Ridge from further degradation which include:—

(i) Issue of notification under Section-4 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 for declaring Ridge as a reserved forest.

(ii) Appointment of a Forest Settlement Officer to look into the rights and concessions of the people.

(iii) Issue of notification for constitution of a Ridge Management Supervisory Committee having members from concerned Government Departments and Non-Government Organisations.

(iv) Initiation of the process of demarcation and survey of Delhi Ridge through Survey of India.

पर्यावरण को बचाने के लिए वनों का विकास

2848. **श्रीमती उर्मिला बिमनभाई पटेल:** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) 30 जून, 1994 की स्थिति के अनुसार पर्यावरण को बचाने के लिए तथा सरदार सरोवर परियोजना के पैकेट के अनुसार संबद्ध कमी को पूरा करने के लिए कितने हेक्टेयर भूमि में वनों का विकास किया गया है और कितनी भूमि में अभी वन लगाए जाने बाकी हैं;

(ख) इन वनों के विकास के लिए निर्धारित किया गया लक्ष्य कब तक प्राप्त होगा; और

(ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान सामाजिक वानिकी योजना और अन्य योजनाओं के अधीन कितने पेड़ उगाए गए हैं?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ): (क) और (ख) 42393 हैक्टेयर क्षेत्र में वनरोपण के निर्धारित लक्ष्य के प्रति 37382 हैक्टेयर क्षेत्र में पहले ही वनरोपण किया जा चुका है। शेष 5011 हैक्टेयर क्षेत्र में वर्ष 1994-95 के दौरान वन रोपण किए जाने की संभावना है।

(ग) 1991-92 से 1993-94 के पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान कुल 12.53 लाख हैक्टेयर क्षेत्र में वनरोपण किया गया है और निजी भूमियों पर वृक्षारोपण के लिए 376.53 लाख पौधे बांटे गए हैं।

Agreement between India and Germany for Cooperation on Environment

2849. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Germany have agreed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation in the Geld of environment; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) During the visit of Dr. Klaus Topfer, Minister for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of the Federal Republic of Germany to India in July, 1994, the subject of signing a Memorandum of Understanding on Coopration in Environmental Affairs between India and Germany was discussed.

(b) The details of the Memorandum of Understanding will be subject to the final text to be agreed between the Government of India and the

Government of the Federal Republic of Germany. However, the draft text provides a broad framework for enhancing co-operation between the two countries in a wide spectrum of environment related areas.

Workshop on Forestry

2850. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a workshop on forestry has been held under the aegis of India and Britain recently;

(b) what were the conclusions of this workshop;

(c) whether any funds will be obtained from UNCED for development of sustainable forestry;

(d) if so, approximate amount which will be earmarked for sustainable forestry;

(e) whether the States will have a role on the priority to be given on which areas will get focus to regenerate forests; and

(f) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir. A workshop called: "Towards Sustainable Forestry: Preparing for Commission on Sustainable Development 1995" was held in New Delhi over 25th—27th July, 1994.

(b) The workshop adopted a document entitled "Framework for National Reporting to the Third Session of the CSD 1995" and also proposed that the International and Regional Funding Agencies should seek advice from their member countries on how they should report to the CSD and convene small meetings of selected members for this purpose. The workshop welcomed the work being undertaken internationally on the development of criteria and indicators of sustainable forestry and suggested that the FAO might convene meetings of countries not involved in existing initiatives.

(c) and (d) Agenda 21, which is the programme of action adopted at the U.N. Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in June, 1992 broadly estimated the average annual cost, over 1993—2000, of implementing programmes to combat deforestation in developing countries, to be about $ 750 million, including about $ 530 million on grants on concessional terms from the international community. As part of ongoing bilateral and other programmes, assistance towards sustainable forestry is received by developing countries including India, though the actual sums received are less than that estimated in Agenda 21.

(e) and (f) Projects for the regeneration of forests for which external assistance is sought are framed by the States keeping in mind the specific conditions in the States, the requirements of fuel, fodder, timber etc. for community and commercial use and the need for improving forest cover in the State.

राज्यों की लंबित परियोजनाओं को स्वीकृति

2851. श्री राम जेठमलानी: क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विभिन्न राज्य-सरकारों ने विकास संबंधी परियोजनाएं केन्द्रीय सरकार की स्वीकृति के लिये भेजी हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो अप्रैल, 1994 तक स्वीकृति हेतु कुल कितनी परियोजनायें प्राप्त हुई जिन पर कोई निर्णय नहीं लिया गया;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि ये परियोजनायें सम्बे समय से स्वीकृति हेतु सरकार के पास लंबित हैं;

(घ) यदि हां, तो अधिकतम कितने समय से ये परियोजनायें लंबित हैं;

(ङ) ये परियोजनायें कितनी-कितनी हैं और किस-किस राज्य और विभाग से संबंधित हैं;